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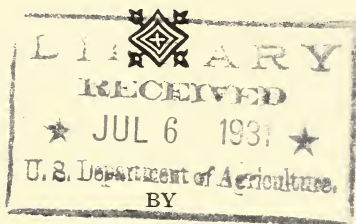
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Your questions answered about
growing

Gladioli

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GEO. P. COOK

BULB GROWER

Covina, California

GLADIOLI are undoubtedly one of the easiest and most satisfactory of the bulb family to grow. They produce wonderful flowers, and when used as a cut flower are unequaled, for they last many days.

In the southern climates it is best to plant the bulbs during the months of December, January, February, and March, altho they may be planted as late as August. The best flowers are produced from early plantings. In the northern section on the western coast they should be planted after January 1. In the middle-west and east it is not advisable to plant until April or May.

Gladioli should be planted in sandy loam, about six inches deep, never using chemical fertilizers, but mulch the ground with well-rotted barnyard. The flowering spikes should be cut at least ten inches from the ground. Allow the bulbs to remain in the ground eight weeks after through blooming. Gradually dry the ground before digging. After digging the tops should be cut off about one inch from the bulb. Allow the bulbs to dry out in a shaded, dry place and they should be ready to replant in ten weeks.

Gladioli bulbs give one flowering spike to each bulb, but some varieties throw as many as five spikes to one bulb.

Following is a list of gladioli chosen for their very thrifty growth, both as cut flowers and bulbs:

NEW VARIETIES

VIRGINIA—A new red, large flowers, very thrifty grower, frequently having five blooming spikes from one bulb. This gladioli could very easily be called the pride of your garden. Price \$2.50 per dozen.

EVELYN KIRTLAND—Wonderful for its different shades of blending pinks, having many flowers on the spike. Price \$2.00 per dozen.

GOLDEN MEASURE—Canary yellow. Long spikes, large flowers. The best yellow. Price 75c each; \$7.00 per dozen.

OLDER VARIETIES

MRS. FRANK PENDLETON—Pink with dark center. Large open richly-colored flowers. \$1.50 per dozen.

PANAMA—Rose pink. Very large flowers, having a silvery gloss same as orchids. Price \$1.50 per dozen.

HALLEY—Salmon pink. 75c per dozen.

SCHNABEN—Soft yellow; small red stripe on lower petals. Price \$1.50 per dozen.

The bulbs offered in this list are all good size that will give you the best of results.

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